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SUBJECT: NEPALESE OPIUM

REF: (A) STATE 95371; (B) GENEVA 4701; (C) EDWARDS/
CAVANAUGH TELCON MARCH 27; (D) STATE 55439; (E) 77 MOSCOW
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1. MISSION UNDERSTOOD THAT REQUEST CONTAINED REF D TO
RAISE SUBJECT OF NEPALESE OPIUM WITH SOVIETS IN GENEVA
WAS INTENDED FOR EXECUTION THROUGH US MEMBER INCB, IN
SAME MANNER AS SIMILAR REQUEST CONCERNING AFGHAN OPIUM
REFERRED TO IN REF E. MISSION RAISED THIS QUESTION UPON
RECEIPT WITH US MEMBER INCB, WHO REPLIED THAT MARCH
MEETING OF INCB, WAS EMBROILED IN PERSONNEL QUESTION WHICH
FOUND US AND SOVIET MEMBERS ON OPPOSING SIDES (REF B)
AND DID NOT PROVIDE PROPER CONTEXT FOR APPROACH OF THIS
NATURE TO SOVIET MEMBER. IN ANY CASE, US MEMBER DOES NOT
BELIEVE THAT SOVIET MEMBER (DR. BARKOV)
WOULD BE CORRECT OFFICIAL TO APPROACH ON THE SUBJECT. SHE
DESCRIBES HIM AS A PHARMACOLOGIST OF LIMITED SCOPE WITH
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FEW CONTACTS WITHIN SOVIET GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT
HIM ASCERTAIN INFORMATION OR INFLUENCE SOVIET POLICY ON
SUCH POLITICAL SUBJECT.

2. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INCB TAKES PLACE MAY 16 - 26.
THIS MEETING ALSO IS LIKELY TO BE TIED UP WITH PERSONNEL
QUESTIONS, BUT IF CHANCE ARISES, AND DEPARTMENT STILL

DESIRES QUESTION TO BE RAISED WITH SOV MEMBER INCB, US
MEMBER WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO TRYING IT. SHE STRONGLY BE-
LIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT RAISING QUESTIONS WOULD BE MORE PRO-
DUCTIVE WITH POLICY-LEVEL SOVIET OFFICIALS, SUCH AS IN
ECOSOC CONTEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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